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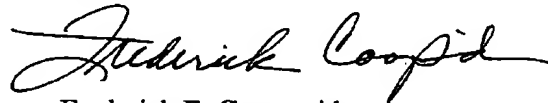
Re: Enclosed Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 and
Petition and Fee for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/754,278
Attorney Docket No.: NEC00P344-si
Our Reference: WAK.072

Dear Examiner Perez:

Enclosed are a Petition and Fee for One-Month Extension of Time and an
Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116, responsive to the April 21, 2004 Office Action, which
should place the above-referenced case in condition for allowance.

Thank you in advance for your consideration on this case.

Very truly yours,



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